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Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I would like to take this opportunity to express through your paper my sincere gratitude to the citizens of Appomattox and surrounding counties for their over-whelming response to our recent Bloodmobile visit. It is good to know that when an emergency arises that our people rise to the occasion.

I would like to acknowledge the help of the following, without whose help our Bloodmobile would not be a success: The Junior Womans Club for helping secure volunteer workers, The Appomattox Womans Club for the canteen service, Liberty Baptist Church for the use of their building, Businesses who supplied food and drink, W.T.T.X. Radio for the free time they gave in advertising the Bloodmobile, The Doctors who were on call, Times-Virginian for their advertisement of the Bloodmobile The Volunteer workers who give so unselfishly of their time, and especially the Donors of whom there can't be enough said.

This is not a one person effort but a group project and we are thankful "for all the help of everyone who helped make this January Bloodmobile visit a success."

Earnie W. Lucas
Chairman
Appomattox Bloodmobile

Dear Sirs:

In your 1-20-77 issue - picture on page 3 - : What kind of worm shoots a wild bird feeding peaceably with his chickens because he "didn't know what kind it was?" And ten lashes to you for publicising such an act -

R. C. Helwig

Editor
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia, 24522

Dear Editor,

We would like to bring to the attention of the citizens of Appomattox County some recent events which may affect the quality of education in our county. Appomattox County will be seriously affected by the passage of Governor Godwin's proposed budget cuts which lead to drastic reductions in funds available for public education.

Since the entire Commonwealth will be affected by these cuts, educators from across the state have planned a "Rally for Education." This effort will take place in Richmond on Saturday, February 5, 1977 under the direction of the Virginia Education Association. It is unprecedented for the VEA to call for a statewide mass meeting of its members. But so are the circumstances which have befallen education and educators in Virginia, therefore, the primary thrust of the rally will be to visibly demonstrate our concerns to the legislature.

Many educators are stepping forth in answer to this present need for action, but the affect of the proposed budget cuts will not be felt only by the teachers. The children in our public schools will, in actuality, be the ones most seriously affected. Because of this, we request that all concerned citizens contact your legislators either in Richmond on Saturday, February 5 or through a letter and urge them to vote against educational budget cuts.

Sincerely,
Joyce Jamerson, President
Appomattox County
Education Association(ACEA)
Patay Butler-Chairperson
Appomattox Political
Action Committee (A-PACE)

Prices Will Rise For Fresh Vegetables

By Elmore Jordan
Extension Agent

Already, the price of cabbage is up 100%. The price of tomatoes jumped from 49c to 89c per pound. Other types of vegetables such as green beans, squash, corn, beans, celery and radishes as well as tomatoes are being affected by the freeze in Florda. Produce to reduce the shortage on the central and northeastern coast, will have to come from California which will enjoy a bumper crop. Prices will continue to rise because of the shortage and added transportation charges. Now is the time to enroll in the Garden-By-Mail Program sponsored by the Appomattox Extension Office and VPI and SU.

Now is the time to begin setting cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and other seeds for sets to be used for spring planting. A flat in a warm location with sunlight is all that is necessary. However, don't start too early. Six weeks ahead of the expected planting date is early enough for the fast growing varieties. Eight weeks allows enough time for the slow growing types.

Through the Garden-By-Mail Program, you will receive monthly information as to what should be done at any given time during the gardening season. The first letter is being mailed this month. Information on soil samples, site selection, garden planning, species/varieties selection and care of the garden will be discussed. Also, the use and preservation of produce will be discussed at the maturity stage of the vegetable garden. One of the most important subjects, aside from those listed above, will be succession gardening - - planting the garden so as to have a continuous supply of corn, beans, etc. maturing during the latter months of the gardening season.

The shortage of fresh vegetables and the price of the vegetables that will be available makes it most important for anyone with a small piece of ground or larger to consider growing a garden. Call the extension office at 352-8244 or 352-8245 and give your name and address to be enrolled. Also, you may clip the form below and fill it out and mail it to the Extension Office to be enrolled.

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Yes ..... No .....

This program is for beginners and experienced gardeners. For the experienced gardeners, when was the last time there was a soil sample taken of the garden plot. It is difficult to fertilize and lime without a soil sample.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon. - Feb. 7 - Corn Dog, potato chips, pork & beans, cake & sauce - milk

Tues. - Feb. 8 - Ravioli, Cheese Squares, Peanut Butter Crackers, String Beans, Roll, Butter, Milk, Fruit

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The Pastor Speaks

God's Love Is The Assurance Of Our Salvation
Romans 8:31-39

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Romans and to us, has penned perhaps one of the greatest passages of Scripture in all of the Bible about an individual's assurance of salvation in Christ.

First, our assurance is based upon the supreme investment that God has made for our redemption! (Rom. 8:31-32) Calvary is God's firm commitment to us. It was no trial run. It's the real thing - - never to be repeated.

Second, our assurance is based upon God's acquittal of our deserved punishment (pronouncement of "not guilty") because of Jesus Christ's bearing of our sins in His body on the cross. (Rom. 8:33-34) His resurrection from the grave is our guarantee of eternal life.

Third, our assurance is based upon God's love for us through Christ Jesus. It guarantees each one of us beyond the shadow of a doubt that nothing can seperate us from God's love for us through Christ. (Rom. 8:35-39)

What peace of mind it is to know that we who are born-again children of God are safe in the love of Christ!

Clarence H. Davis, Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church

Salad, Green Peas, Fruit, Milk

Thurs. - Feb. 10 - Hamburger on bun, French Fries, Steamed Cabbage, Orange Slices, Milk

Fri. - Feb. 11 - Vegetable or Tomato Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Ice Cream, milk

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE CREDENTIALS

Lesson for February 6, 1977

Background Scripture:
Mark 5:21-43; Luke 7:1-23.
Devotional Reading:
Luke 7:1-10.

"Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

This question, sent to Jesus by the imprisoned John the Baptist, seems astounding! Is this not the same John who once stood by the River Jordan and, looking at Jesus, proclaimed: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)? Is this not the same John who testified of seeing "the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven" upon Jesus, who protested that Jesus should be baptising him instead (Matthew 3:14)?

Rev. Althouse

Are you the one?

Yes, it was the same John the Baptist, but, no, it was not. People change, they are subject to moods of depression and inspiration, faith and doubt. John the Baptist, the fiery prophet in the wilderness was now John, the prisoner of Herod, shut up in a dark, filthy dungeon and near the end of his brief life. He remembered that great day by the Jordan when Jesus had come to him for baptism; he recalled the exaltation of that moment when God revealed to him the identity of his Son, the Messiah; he could see in his mind's eye that scene when Jesus came up out of the river, himself caught-up in that ecstatic moment.

Now, however, he seemed far away from his beloved wilderness. A tiny, putrid cell was his unseeing window on the world. He was tired from the deprivations and cruelty of his imprisonment. Now in the darkness of his captivity there came a nagging doubt: Am I sure that Jesus is the one, or did I make a mistake?

If John's faith wavered in Herod's fortress, we cannot blame him or be surprised. It is understandable that he should want reassurance from Jesus, some indication that if Herod took his life, he had not failed in his mission.

What you have seen?

To this important, legitimate question, Jesus gives a thoughtsignificant answer. One might expect that Jesus would send John an outline of his teaching in order to authenticate his credentials. This would have been the time-honored method of the rabbis. But Jesus said nothing about his teachings in his reply.

Neither did Jesus produce a selection of scriptural passages to prove his identity as the one "who is to come." Although the use of scriptures probably would have been convincing to John, and, although Jesus was very knowledgeable in the holy writings, he made no reference to them to John's disciples.

We might expect that Jesus would produce a genealogy (similar to what Luke and Matthew provide in their Gospels) which would authenticate him as the Christ. But Jesus made no reference to his lineage. Neither did Jesus ask the crowds for a testimony, nor the religious authorities for their stamp of approval.

What, then, were his credentials?

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Two Young Members Of Trinity United Methodist Church Accepted At Candler Divinity School For Fall of 1977

Two young members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Appomattox have been accepted as students at the Candler Divinity School for the Fall of 1977.

David R. Drinkard of Route 3, Appomattox is presently a Senior at Ferrum College. Ronnie Morris of Route 2, Concord is a 21-year old senior at Virignia Polytechnic Institute & State College. Both will be graduated in May, Drinkard with a B. S. degree in Humanities, majoring in Church Careers and Services and Morris with a B. S. degree in Business Administration.

The Candler Divinity School is a graduate division of Emory University in Atlanta. It is one of the leading theological seminaries sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Students completing the three-year divinity course ordinarily enter the full-time pastorate. Progress toward ordination in the United Methodist Church also includes examination and approval by the local church, and Committees on the Ordained Ministry at the district and state levels.

Drinkard has led an active student life at Ferrum. He has been a member of the Student Christian Fellowship, the Campus Standards Committee, the Religious Life Committee, and the Residential Hall Council. He has also worked in the Upward Bound House Program and he served as Judicial Chairman and President of his Dormitory. He

David R. Drinkard

is listed in "Who's Who In American Junior Colleges", and has received awards from the Lilly Warwick Foundation and the United Methodist Church. He is the son of Fleming W. Drinkard and the late Roberta G. Drinkard. David graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1973.

Morris is also a 1973 graduate of Appomattox County High School. He is the son of Robert and Josephine Morris.

Ronnie Morris

He has served as an officer of the Wesley Foundation at V.P.I. & S. U., working in the Wesley Singers and as Chairman of the Worship Committee. He has also led the Wesley Bible Study. The Wesley Foundation is the campus ministry program of the United

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"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

It's late January, the ground is covered with snow and ice, but spring is coming and it will be time to plant vegetables. All of this is said to remind you that it's time to get cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower seed started. A small flat covered with plastic in a warm room near a window is all you need.

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There have been more calls in recent days concerning feeding cattle than any other subject. Certainly it's been many years since cattle have been so totally dependant on man for their complete feed. Snow and ice have covered the usual brouse, low temperatures demand higher amounts of feed to maintain body temperature, cows nursing calves require about 25% more dry matter and an additional pound of protein and a third more TDN or energy. There are some cattlemen who have not grazed the stockpiled fescue and can't get to it. Some cattlemen report that liquid supplement isn't doing for their cattle what it was two months ago. In order for liquid supplement to be effective there must be an adequate amount of energy in the ration.

With all of this how much feed is enough feed - - let's look at a 1000 pound cow. If yours weighs a 100 pounds less decrease the dry matter by one pound and the TDN by half a pound. Keep the protein where it is. If we were to look at protein alone it would appear that liquid protein is the best buy. Most of it is a 32% material and the maximum a cow will eat per day is about 2 pounds.

We don't need to use the allocated space here for developing programs, but let's look at two fairly common feeds. First of all, I should point out that ideally dry cows should be separated from nursing cows in order that you can better utilize your feed supplies. If we have the cattle spaced and are feeding good orchard grass hay, the dry cows will need 17 pounds a day, while the nursing cows will need 24 pounds of hay plus access to a liquid protein tank. You might ask which is the cheaper. It doesn't really matter because you're going to feed what you have or what you can get. Let's assume hay is costing $100 and silage $23 a ton. To feed hay to a dry cow it would cost 85c a day and to a nursing cow $1.27. Assuming silage is the feed a dry cow will cost 65c a day and a nursing cow 81c.

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In a few days tobacco growers will begin preparation of plant beds. Many are aware that the old 4-9-3 fertilizer may not be available. The new analysis is 12-6-6. Not only is there a change in analysis but there is an important change in rates per 100 square yards. With the old analysis growers used 150 to 200 pounds. With the new analysis, 12-6-6, the recommendation is 50-75 lbs. per 100 square yards. If higher amounts are used growers run the risk of serious injury to the seedlings.

PRECIPITATION

Last Week	0
Month of Jan.	1.75
Normal for Jan	2.76
This Month	0
This Year	1.75
Normal for year	2.76

Va. Beef Convention February 3, 4, 5, In Hot Springs, Va.

This year's convention will include 11 statewide cattle and cattle industry related organizations as active participants. The theme of the '77 meeting is, "Getting Ready for the Next Cattle Cycle."

Some of the prominent speakers from across the nation participating in this year's program include: Mr. Tom Dueslar, Vice President, Oscar Mayer & Company, Middleton, Wisconsin; and, Mr. Orville Sweet, President, American Polled Hereford Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Dueslar, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, will speak on the topic, "Beef Production Trends" on Thursday night, Feb. 4, at Mr. Carson B. McDowell, Jr., Syndicated Columnist, Richmond Times Dispatch.

Saturday morning a panel of University and Industry leaders including Dr. Dan Fox, Animal Husbandry Dept., Michigan State University; Dr. Roy Blaser, VPI&SU; and Mr. Topper Thorpe, American National Cattlemen's Association, Denver, Colorado, will analyze the potentials for cattlemen during the present phase of the cattle cycle.

APPOMATTOX SENIOR 4-H CLUB

On Monday, January 31, 1977 the Appomattox Senior 4-H Club met. Joe Ford, president of the club, opened the committee and asked for any old business. Mr. Sweet said how good our Christmas party for the underprivileged children turned out.

Then we went into our new business and Mr. Sweet showed a film on conserving our soil.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Bill Vaughan, Reporter

STONEWALL

"And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said unto her, weep not." Luke 7:13

Mrs. Annette Alvis went to Charlottesville Sunday to undergo surgery Monday. We are all praying for, a successful operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler from Richmond were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones and Kathy were evening visitors.

Mr. Lawrence Wheeler from Lynchburg, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler last Thursday.

There was a big crowd at Hebron in spite of bad icy roads Sunday. Rev. Edgar Mitchell gave a fine sermon.

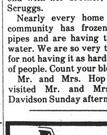
Friday night Mrs. Hazel Gillespie and Dallas Gillespie went to the funeral home of a friend, Mrs. Hunt of Lynchburg.

Miss Mattie Wright is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant, Jr. She is doing fine.

Mrs. Helen Stratton, of Appomattox, spent the week end with her brother, Hubert Scruggs.

Nearly every home in the community has frozen water pipes and are having to haul water. We are so very thankful for not having it as hard as a lot of people. Count your blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hop Elliott visited Mr. and Mrs. Oris Davidson Sunday afternoon.



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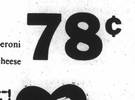

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